HB 2717 Written Testimony

Chairman Barker, Vice Chair Arnberger, Ranking Member Ruiz, and members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, I am writing to you today to oppose HB 2717. I am astounded officials in Topeka are ignoring their constituents and their needs in favor of the blatant government overreach of HB 2717. HB 2717 ignores the needs of Wyandotte and other counties who have spent considerable time researching what works and is best for their communities in favor of the hateful agenda of a few misguided and misinformed legislators.

HB 2717 will make worker shortages worse by scaring immigrant families away from Kansas. This will also make Kansas less attractive to new businesses considering Kansas and the expansion of businesses already here.

This bill will also put considerable stress on an already stretched law enforcement by requiring them to take on federal law, which will also increase unreported crime resulting in more stress on law enforcement and harm to public safety.

There is absolutely nothing good about this bill. As a born and raised Kansan, I could not be less proud of this disgusting display of ignorance and bigotry. We've done better. We can do better.

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